

OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

verally duly qualified to discharge the duties of their respective offices, before the justice of the peace above mentioned.

Mr. Martin submitted the following order; which was read, viz. "Ordered, That this house will not make any additional allowance to any committee clerk, more than the usual per diem and itinerant charges."

Mr. Turner proposed to amend the same by striking out the words, "any committee clerk," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "the officers of this house."

On motion by Mr. Lee, the order, with the amendment proposed, were laid on the table.

Mr. Banning offered the following message:

By the House of Delegates, January 1, 1828.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

This house having formed a quorum are ready to proceed with the business of the session. We have appointed the honourable John G. Chapman speaker, and Gideon Pearce, esq. chief clerk; and we propose to sit, for the dispatch of public business, from ——— o'clock in the morning until ——— o'clock in the afternoon.

By order,

Gideon Pearce, Clk.

Which was read; and on motion by Mr. Semmes the first blank was filled with the word "nine"

On motion by Mr. Banning, the question was then put, That the second blank be filled with the word "four?" Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Stevens, the said blank was then filled with the word "three."

The said message was then assented to.

Mr. Teackle proposed the following order:

Ordered, That the following standing committees be appointed by the Speaker:—

- 1 A committee on ways and means, to consist of seven members.
- 2 A committee on claims, to consist of seven members.
- 3 A committee on elections and privileges, to consist of seven members.
- 4 A committee on grievances and courts of justice, to consist of seven members.
- 5 A committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, to consist of seven members.
- 6 A committee on divorces, to consist of seven members.
- 7 A committee on insolvency, to consist of seven members.
- 8 A committee on the militia, to consist of seven members.
- 9 A committee on internal improvement, to consist of seven members.
- 10 A committee on lotteries, to consist of seven members.

Which was read; and on motion by Mr. Semmes the same was amended by striking out the words, "a committee on divorces," and inserting in lieu thereof, the words, "a committee on education."